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TO : Chief, D/S, ORR

DATE: 7 January 1955

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

SUBJECT: Economic Requirements for OCI Periodic Requirements List for the Months March 1955 - 30 June 1955, NEAR EAST/AFRICA (ORR 8710)

1. Your office is invited to submit requirements for the OCI Periodic Requirements List on the NEAR EAST/AFRICA for the months 1 March 1955 - 30 June 1955. A sample current OCI List (herewith attached) will serve as a guide in the preparation of requirements on any of the above countries of interest.

2. If your office is interested in submitting requirements for subject List, it should be borne in mind that they should be current information targets for the guidance of the field and not basic requirements. Where advantageous, some background information should be given.

3. The OCI Periodic Requirements List is designed to forecast for the coming four-month period the developments of significance in the area covered and to point up the specific information that is required for effective current intelligence coverage of these developments. The List is used as a guide for both overt and covert collection and is distributed to the following: FI, [REDACTED] FBID, FDD, State, Army, Navy, and Air. 25X1A2g

4. Any requirements that your office may wish to submit should be forwarded to St/I/R, Room 1217 M Building by Monday, 7 February 1955. (Attention: Miss [REDACTED]) and should reference ORR 8710.

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For the Chief,  
Intelligence Information Staff

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Chief, Requirements Branch  
Office of Research and Reports

Attachment: 1 *copy* copies: OCI Periodic Requirements List, 1 March 1955 - 30 June 1955, NEAR EAST/AFRICA

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Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

24 January 1955

THRU : Chief, Services Division  
Chief, S/TF

Information Regarding Trading Companies of Western Europe.

**BACKGROUND**

A study is being made of certain trading companies of Western Europe, in an attempt to determine their inter-relationships and their relationships with a specific West German chemical company. The companies and their known relationships are as follows:

1. Intropa Handels, A.G.	Cable: INTROPA VEVEY
1 Rue Glergers	Bank: Union de Banques Suisses
Vevey, Switzerland	Vevey, Switzerland

Also known as: Intropa Trading Company (Ltd) - same address  
Intropa Commerciale, S.A. - same address

**Subsidiaries and branches:**

A. Johann Grodtmann Export-Import	Cable: LEMJUS
Glockengiessergwall 15	Bank: Deutsch-Asiatische Bank
Hamburg 1, Germany	Hamburg
B. O. Kees and Company, Ltd.	Cable: APOCRYPHA LONDON
37-38 Fenchurch St.	
London E.C. 3, England	
C. O. Kees and Company, Ltd.	Cable: APOCRYPHA HONGKONG
No. 9 Ice House St.	Bank: The Chartered Bank of
Hong Kong	India, Australia & China
D. Herbert Kees, Ltd.	
Alexandra House, Queen's Road, Central	
Hong Kong	
E. Dychem Trading Company, Ltd.	
No. 7 Ice House St.	
Hong Kong	
F. Estraco, S.A. (European Trading Company)	
Room 402-A	Bank: J. Henry Schroder Banking
12 Chung Shan Road	Corporation
Shanghai, China	

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G. Eutraco, S.A. (European Trading Company)  
151 Chieh Fang Pei Lu  
Tientsin, China

H. Impex Chemicals, Ltd. Cable: IMPEX OSAKA  
25 Andojibashi-dori  
4-chome, Minami-ku  
Osaka, Japan

I. Intropa Trading Company, Ltd.  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

J. Intropa Industrie & Handels, GmbH  
Rotenturmstrasse 25  
Vienna, Austria

2. Liebermann Waelchi  
Zurich, Switzerland

**Subsidiaries:**

A. Liebermann Waelchi & Co., N.Y., Inc.  
15 - 19 West 37th St.  
New York 18, N.Y. Cable: WAELECHI

Banks: Chemical Bank & Trust Co.  
Bank of America International  
J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.  
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.

B. Liebermann Waelchi & Co.  
2nd Floor - King's Bldg.  
Hong Kong

3. Tradex, S.A.  
Route de Frontenex 53  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Second office of this company:**

Tradex Basel, A.G. Cable: TRADEXBALE  
Elisabethenstrasse 1 Banks: Swiss Bank Corporation - Basel  
Basel, Switzerland Credit Suisse - Basel

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4. Far East Trading Company  
Pedder Bldg. - 2nd Floor  
Hong Kong
- Cable: FAREASTRAD  
Banks: Chase National  
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.  
Chartered Bank of India,  
Australia & Ceylon  
Shanghai Commercial Bank, Ltd.  
The Bank of Canton, Ltd.

Offices are located at:

- A. Far East Trading Company  
1784 Chung Cheng Road  
Taipei, Taiwan
- B. Far East Trading Company  
37 Wall Street  
New York, N.Y.
- Cable: FARDEVLIN
- C. Willi G. Brendel (German Representative)  
Justinusplatz 4  
Frankfort/Main - Hoechst, Germany
- D. Dependable Engineering Company  
15 Fleming Road  
Hong Kong
5. Siber Hegner & Co., A.G.  
Talstrasse 14  
Zurich 22, Switzerland
- Cable: SIBERHEGNER ZURICH  
Banks: Union Bank of Switzerland- Zurich  
Suisse Bank Corp. - Zurich  
Credit Suisse - Zurich  
Chartered Bank of India,  
Australia & China - London  
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.  
National City Bank - New York  
Schroeder Banking Corp.-New York  
Nationale Handelsbank N.U. -  
Amsterdam

Branches of this company are at:

- A. Siber Hegner & Co., Inc.  
183 Madison Ave.  
New York, N.Y.
- B. Siber Hegner & Co.  
89a Yamashita-cho  
Yokohama, Japan

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- C. Siber Hegner & Co.  
39 Yamamotodori 3-chome, Ikutaku  
Kobe, Japan
- D. Siber Hegner & Cie - France, S.A.  
Lyon, France
- E. Siber Hegner & Co.  
8 Marunouchi 2-chome, Kojimachiku  
Tokyo, Japan
- F. Siber Hegner, Ltd.  
St. George's Bldg. - 3rd Floor  
Chater Road PO Box 164  
Hong Kong

- 6. Rostro Trading Co., Ltd. Cable: ROSTRO HONGKONG  
Room 613/615 Alexandra House Bank: Young Brothers Banking Corp.  
Hong Kong Hong Kong

Subsidiary:

Rhima Dyes & Chemical Co.  
313 Edinburg House  
Hong Kong

An office may exist in Shanghai, name and address unknown.

- 7. Farbwerke Hoechst, A.G. Banks: Hessische Bank - Frankfurt  
Frankfurt/Main - Hoechst Landeszentralbank - Frankfurt  
Germany

This large chemical company, originally a part of I.G. Farben, may have financial, trading and selling relationships with the above listed trading companies.

REQUIREMENTS

It is requested that contacts be made with several U.S. banks and their branches and representatives, asking them to supply the following information regarding these trading companies:

- 1. Their major suppliers.
- 2. Their major customers.
- 3. Their major personalities (short biographical notes, where possible).
- 4. Their inter-relationships (if not already noted above), and particularly their relationships with Farbwerke Hoechst, A.G. (The word "relationships" includes financial, purchasing and marketing, and personality (family) relationships.)

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5. Where possible, S/TF has been asked to accumulate any information of an adverse sort which may be available on these companies or on personalities within these companies. The handling of this specific request should be more closely held than the remainder of the questions. It is possible that such information exists in the confidential files of the banks to be contacted or may be obtained through casual conferences. Questions 1 through 4 above may be treated as no higher than CONFIDENTIAL, while question 5 should be treated as SECRET.

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REQUESTOR: 

If material is voluminous, a representative of S/TF could possibly visit New York City.

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